



PATENT APPLICATION

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Docket No: 27391/US593

PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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Title: LOOSE-LEAF BINDER WITH LOCK

1. Type of Application

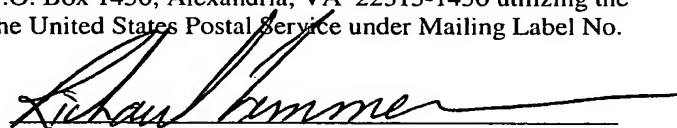
☒ This is a new application for a utility patent.

2. Application Papers Enclosed

1 Title Page
20 Pages of Specification (excluding claims and abstract)
3 Pages of Claims
1 Page of Abstract
6 Pages of figures 1 through 15C - formal

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on March 18, 2004, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EV233436068US.


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3. Declaration or Oath

- ☒ Enclosed
- ☒ Executed by (check all applicable boxes)
 - ☒ Inventors

4. Small Entity Status

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

5. Additional Papers Enclosed

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence
- ☐ Microfiche computer program
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney
- ☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☒ Return receipt postcard
- ☐ Other

6. **Priority Applications Under 35 USC 119**

Certified copies of applications from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed are listed below and

- ☒ are attached.
☐ will follow.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILED
Japan	2003-387673	18 November 2003

7. **Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

A. ☒ **Utility Application**

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT(S) (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$385.00		\$770.00
TOTAL	6- 20	= 0	X 9 =		X 18 =	
INDEP.	1 - 3	= 0	X 42 =		X 86 =	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 140 =		+ 290 =	
Filing Fee:				\$385.00	OR	

B. ☐ **Design Application (\$165.00/\$330.00)**

Filing Fee:

C. ☐ **Plant Application (\$255.00/\$510.00)**

Filing Fee:

D. **Other Fees**

- ☐ Recording Assignment [Fee — \$40.00 per assignment] \$ 40.00
- ☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors
or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign
or cannot be reached [Fee — \$130.00]
- ☐ Other

Total Fees Enclosed \$425.00

8. **Method of Payment of Fees**



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9. **Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

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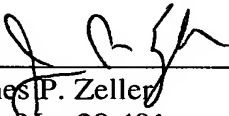
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